How do I know that it is from God?

Preservation

The Qur'an is the only religious sacred text that has been in circulation for a lengthy period, and yet remains as pure as the day it was revealed. Nothing has been added, removed or modified from it, since its revelation over 1400 years ago.

"We have, without doubt, sent down the Message; and We will certainly guard it (from corruption)." **Qur'an 15:09**

Not only has the Qur'an been preserved in written form, but also in the hearts of men, children and women. Today, millions of people have memorised the Qur'an from cover to cover.

Uniqueness

Ever since its revelation, no person has been able to produce a single chapter like that of the Qur'an in its beauty, eloquence, splendour, wisdom, prophecies, and other perfect attributes.

"And if you are in doubt as to that which We have revealed to Our servant, then produce a chapter like it and call on your witnesses besides Allah if you are truthful." **Qur'an 2:23**

Couldn't Muhammad (Messenger) have authored it?

The Prophet Muhammad (pbph) (Messenger)was known in history to be illiterate; he could not read nor write. He was not educated in any field that could account for neither the scientific and historical accuracy, nor the literary beauty of this magnificent Book. The precision of historical recounts of previous peoples and civilisations mentioned in the Qur'an is also too great to be authored by any man.

"And this Qur'an is not such as could ever be produced by other than Allah." **Qur'an 10: 37**

Scientific Miracles

The Qur'an does not contradict modern science but rather, supports it. One of the most remarkable aspects about the **Qur'an is that it contains many verses which accurately describe natural phenomenon in various fields such as embryology, meteorology, astronomy, geology and oceanography.** Scientists have found its descriptions incredibly accurate for a book dating back to the 7th century.

"We shall show them Our Signs in the Universe and within their own selves, until it becomes clear to them that this is the Truth." **Qur'an 41:53**

In fact, many of the scientific miracles mentioned in the Qur'an have been discovered only recently, through the modern advancement of technological equipment. Consider the following:

Astronomical objects (stars, planets, moons etc...) were all formed from clouds of dust. Previously unknown, this fact has now become an undisputed principle of modern cosmology.

Conclusion

In summary, the Qur'an teaches mankind how to worship the One True God, hence fulfilling their true purpose in life, and attaining success in both this world and the next.

"Verily, We have sent down to you (O Muhammad) the Book for mankind in truth. So whosoever accepts the guidance, it is only for his own self; and whosoever goes astray, he goes astray only for his own loss." **Qur'an 39:41**

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What is the Qur'an?

The Word of God

The Qur'an is the literal word of Almighty God, The Al-Mighty (Allah in Arabic), revealed to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) through the Angel Gabriel.

"The revelation of The Book is from Allah, the Mighty, the Wise." **Qur'an 39:1**

Guidance for Mankind

"a guidance for mankind... and the distinction (between right and wrong)." **Qur'an 2:185**

It provides direction to help mankind judge between right and wrong, without which, man would surely be in loss.

This [Qur'an] is notification for the people that they may be warned thereby and that they may know that He is but one God and that those of understanding will be reminded. Qur`an 14:52

The Final Revelation

The Qur'an is the last scripture revealed by Allah (Almighty God), confirming what little truth remains in parts of previous scriptures and refuting and correcting fabrications and additions which have crept into current day versions of such scriptures.

"O you who have been given the Scripture! Believe in what We have revealed confirming what is (already) with you..." **Qur'an 4:47**

O mankind, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, that you may become righteous -[He] who made for you the earth a bed [spread out] and the sky a ceiling and sent down from the sky, rain and brought forth thereby fruits as provision for you. So do not attribute to Allah equals while you know [that there is nothing similar to Him] Quran 2:21,22.

The Qur'an was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) (Messenger) and exists only in the language in which it was revealed - Arabic. However, the translation of the meaning of the Qur'an is available in many languages.

The Qur'an was not sent down as a complete book in one revelation; rather, the revelation spanned over a period of 23 years.

Purpose of Revelation

To Believe in One True God

"And your god is One God. There is no god but He, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful." **Qur'an 2:163**

The most important topic mentioned throughout the Qur'an is the belief in the One, True God. God informs us that He has no partner, no son, no equal, and that none has the right to be worshipped except Him alone. Nothing is comparable to God and none of His creation resembles Him. The Qur'an also rejects the notion of attributing human qualities and limitations to God.

To Reject All False Gods

"And worship Allah and associate none with Him."Qur'an 4:36

Since Allah (Almighty God), alone is the only One worthy of worship, false deities and false gods must be rejected. The Qur'an also rejects the notion of attributing divine qualities to anyone or anything other than Allah. (Almighty God),

To Narrate the Stories from the Past The Qur'an contains many narratives with beneficial lessons, including the true stories of previous Prophets such as, Adam, Noah, Abraham, Jesus and Moses. Of these stories, Allah says,

"Indeed in their stories, there is a lesson for men of understanding." **Qur'an 12:111**

To Remind us of the Purpose of Life

"Did you think that We created you in play (without any purpose), and that you would not be brought back to Us?"Qur'an 23:115

Life is a test which ends in death, but it does not mark the end of one's existence. Once death arrives, the opportunity to do good ceases. It will be too late to repent and our fate will be determined solely by our beliefs and deeds that we do in our current life.

Man's life is divided into two parts: a brief stay in this world, and an eternal life in the next. Any sane mind will conclude that eternal bliss is far more beneficial than short lived pleasures on Earth.

Allah (Almighty God) created mankind and made us responsible for our actions by granting us freedom of choice, and intelligence to discern right and wrong. If there were no afterlife in which the good were rewarded and the bad punished, that would contradict the perfect justice of Allah (Almighty God).

Hence it is an absolute demand of justice that there be a Day of Judgement on which every soul is brought to account.

To Fulfil the Intended Way of Life

Importantly, the Qur'an teaches that the purpose of life is to worship God alone, and live one's life according to the way of life prescribed by Him. **In Islam, worship is a comprehensive term that includes all actions and sayings (whether private or public) that Allah (Almighty God), loves and is pleased with. Therefore, by doing what Allah commands, a Muslim is worshipping Almgihty God and fulfilling his purpose in life.**

To pray:

"O you who believe! Bow down and prostrate yourselves and worship your Lord, that you may succeed." **Qur'an 22:77**

To give charity:

"...And spend, it is better for your souls; and whoever is saved from the greediness of his soul, these it is that are the successful." **Qur'an 64:16**

To be honest:

"Cover not Truth with falsehood, nor conceal the Truth when you know (what it is)." **Qur'an 2:42**

To be just:

"O you who believe! Stand firmly for justice, as witnesses to God, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor..." **Qur'an 4:135**

To do good:

"Allah has promised to those who believe and do good deeds (that) they shall have forgiveness and a mighty reward." **Qur'an 5:9**